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1. On 25 June 1955, a work conference was held at the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction. At this meeting, which was attended by all employees of chief advisers and higher ranks of the Ministry, Erich Apel, Minister of Heavy Machine Construction, rendered an account on the results of the first half year of 1955, which ~~was~~ showed that it was possible to fulfil the proscribed quota. Although about 40 per cent of all plants were unable to fulfil the quota during the first three months of 1955, the minus production could virtually be made good during the second quarter of that year.
2. In order to assure a better fulfilment of the quota in the future, all plant managers of the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction were ordered to prepare current files with monthly entries which had to enumerate the essential production items. This file, which also had to give a preview of the following months and an account given by the manager of the plants, had to be submitted to the appropriate main administration between the 18th and 23rd of each month. A responsible committee had to be formed at each main administration and was to consist of one technician and one economic adviser.

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